

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition by Great Plains
Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc. for Authority to Increase
Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

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DOCKET NO. G-004/GR-04-1487

ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION
AND CORRECTING MAY 1, 2006, ORDER

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 1, 2006, the Commission issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, in Docket No. G-004/GR-04-1487.

On May 16, 2006, the Department of Commerce (the Department) filed a request for correction of the Commission Order.

On May 19, 2006, Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Great Plains) filed a petition for reconsideration, rehearing and clarification.

On May 25, 2006, Great Plains filed an answer to the Department's petition.

On May 30, 2006, the Department filed an answer to the Company's petition.

On June 29, 2006, this matter came before the Commission.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has reviewed the record, and finds that the petitions do not raise new issues, point to new and relevant evidence, expose errors or ambiguities in the original Order, and do not otherwise persuade the Commission that it should rethink its original decision.

The Commission will, however, correct the language of Ordering paragraph 6 of the May 1, 2006,

Order, to reflect the language of the Administrative Law Judge. The paragraph should read as follows:

The Commission determines that the test year rate case expense of \$308,450 should be reduced by \$54,904 to reflect an allocation to the non-regulated activities. The remaining balance of \$253,546 should be amortized over 3 years.

The Commission concludes that the original decision, with this ministerial correction, is consistent with the facts, the law, and the public interest, and will therefore deny the petitions for reconsideration.

ORDER

1. The Department of Commerce's petition for reconsideration is hereby denied.
2. Great Plains's petition for reconsideration, rehearing and clarification is hereby denied.
3. Ordering paragraph 6 of the Order the Commission issued in this docket on May 1, 2006, is corrected to state:

The Commission determines that the test year rate case expense of \$308,450 should be reduced by \$54,904 to reflect an allocation to the non-regulated activities. The remaining balance of \$253,546 should be amortized over 3 years.

4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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